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OPERATORS MEET WITH VA AND IR REPRESENTATIVES

Forty-five persons — flight operators, personnel of flight operations, representatives of the Internal Revenue Service and personnel of the Veterans Administration, met in Helena the latter part of March. The Veterans Administration personnel spoke on the VA approved schools and the new changes that became effective April 1. Personnel of the Internal Revenue Service, Helena, spoke on the aviation fuel taxes.

If anyone has further questions on either subject contact IR—Internal Revenue Service, Federal Building, Helena, Montana 59601 and mark your request Attention: Taxpayers Assistance. VA—Contact Jack Wilson, Assistant Director, Safety & Compliance, Montana Aeronautics Commission, P. O. Box 1698, Helena, Montana 59601.

Forms Available

The Montana Aeronautics Commission has on hand a limited number of the various forms relating to the aviation fuel taxes which you may obtain by dropping by the office on the Helena Airport or writing to the above address.

ALWAYS FILE A FLIGHT PLAN

THREE FORKS AIRPORT DEDICATION

On the 22nd of May, the Town of Three Forks will hold an Airport Dedication to honor Lt. Colonel Dean A. Pogreba, U.S. Air Force. Dean was shot down in Viet Nam and is listed as missing in action.

The day's events will commence with a civilian fly-in at 12:00 Noon. The dedication ceremonies will be at 1:00 p.m. with the Air National Guard from Great Falls providing a "missing man formation" fly-by in the jet fighters. The Montana National Guard, based in Helena, will provide a military fixed wing, cargo helicopter and light helicopter static display.

Dean, well known to many Montanans, flew during the late '40s and early '50s in our state. A dinner is planned for Dean's wife, Maxine and daughters at 12:00 Noon. A reception for Mrs. Pogreba and daughters will be held following the dedication ceremonies.

Aeronautical Charts

Your patience is requested—the Montana Aeronautical Charts are expected within the next few days. The mailout to registered pilots, and the filling of the orders now on hand, will commence as soon as the first shipment arrives.

**PILOTS:
ARE YOU REGISTERED?
AIRCRAFT OWNERS:
IS YOUR AIRCRAFT
REGISTERED?**

if not

**YOU ARE IN VIOLATION OF
MONTANA STATE LAW**

The deadline date for 1971 Pilot and Aircraft Registration is past. Before violation letters are issued—submit your registration!

If you need the appropriate forms—send a post card to the Montana Aeronautics Commission—P. O. Box 1698, Helena, Montana 59601—Phone 449-2506.

REGISTER TODAY!

FLIGHT SERVICE STATIONS TO HOLD OPEN HOUSE

The FAA Flight Service Stations will hold an all day "Open House" on May 16. Flight Service Stations are located in the following cities: Billings, Bozeman, Butte, Cut Bank, Dillon, Great Falls, Helena, Lewistown, Livingston, Miles City and Missoula.

Visit the closest airport having a FSS facility on May 16—attend the Open House.

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FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION ITINERARY LISTINGS

| Airport | May | June |
|-------------|-----|------|
| Culbertson | | 2 |
| Glasgow | 5 | |
| Glendive | 20 | |
| Great Falls | 6 | 3 |
| Lewistown | | 16 |
| Miles City | | 17 |
| Missoula | 20 | |
| Sidney | 19 | |

NOTE: Provisions have been made to give private, commercial and flight examinations **ON AN APPOINTMENT BASIS ONLY** at the following FAA Flight Service Stations.

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|-------------|------------|
| Bozeman | Lewistown |
| Butte | Livingston |
| Cut Bank | Miles City |
| Dillon | Missoula |
| Great Falls | |

NOTE: Until further notice GADO #1 in Billings will be open the third Saturday of each month **ON AN APPOINTMENT BASIS ONLY!**

MONTANA PART OF NEW FAA REGION

As of April 2, 1971, Montana became a part of the FAA's new Rocky Mountain Region. Mervyn M. Martin will be the Director of the new Region and the headquarters will be in Denver, Colorado.

Director's Column



Because this issue covers the fine program held in Great Falls and has many pictures, I will not dwell on it other than to congratulate the Commission Members, the Montana Aeronautics Commission staff, the FAA and the general aviation people and all those who worked so hard to make the Flight Instructor Instrument Refresher Course a great success.

During the past month we also had a successful meeting of interested operators of VA approved flight schools and the VA, and between many of these same people and the Internal Revenue Service on the new tax laws. This meeting was suggested by Willie Rimby of Lewistown and I would like to express my appreciation to him. Jack Wilson and Joyce McCutcheon followed up the suggestion and I think that a great deal was gained from the meeting by the attendees and also by the representatives of the Internal Revenue Service and the VA. I would like to thank both of those Federal agencies for their cooperation and willingness to do so much on such a short notice. To those of you who may have further suggestions to what we can do along this line I would certainly appreciate hearing them.

I was in Thompson Falls last week to watch the parachute contest for the Montana championship and regret to report that the wind prevented the completion of the event. The jumps Saturday and the evening festivities were well worth the trip and hopefully in the near future the portion of the program to be done Sunday can be completed.

Moulton Retires

I was very sorry to see that Chet Moulton is no longer the Director of

Aeronautics in Idaho. Chet had many ideas and did many things for general aviation and he will be sorely missed by the industry in the Northwest States and in fact throughout the United States. He was nationally recognized as an authority and supporter of general aviation. His airstrips in the mountains were an innovation for which the State of Idaho should be justifiably proud and we can all use as a guideline. The Idaho pilots are preparing a farewell party for Chet and any who may wish to participate to let Chet know how you feel, please contact me.

MONTANA 99's REGISTER FOR POWDER PUFF DERBY

Mary Stevenson (pilot) and Pat Roemer (co-pilot), of Missoula, have entered the Powder Puff Derby. The take-off date from Calgary, Alberta, Canada is July 5 and the deadline date to finish at Ryan Airport, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, is July 8. A take-off banquet will be held on July 3 and an Awards banquet will be held on July 10. The host in Calgary (starting point) will be the Alberta Chapter of the 99's and the Calgary Tourist and Convention Association. Host for Baton Rouge (terminis point) will be the South Louisiana Chapter of the 99's. Sponsor for the Derby this year is the Virginia Slims Company.

Designated airport stops on the race route are: Calgary; Great Falls and Billings, Montana; Rapid City, South Dakota; Broomfield Jeffco Airport, at Denver, Colorado; McCook, Nebraska; Lincoln, Nebraska; St. Louis, Missouri; Little Rock, Arkansas and Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

There is \$22,500 in prize money with \$10,000 going to the first place winner. A number of trophies will be awarded in addition to the money prizes.

Great Falls and Billings will be the Customs stops in Montana. Of the 150 aircraft, 75 planes will fly by Great Falls on to Billings for their customs stop and 75 planes will land at Great Falls and check through customs.

MONTANA FLIGHT INSTRUCTORS INSTRUMENT COURSE—1971

Twenty qualified Montana Flight Instructors completed a concentrated instrument course which was held in Great Falls, April 5 through 9, 1971. The '71 course was the first Instructor Instrument Course to be held in Montana. Seven previous Montana Flight Instructor Refresher Courses have been held since the Montana Aeronautics Commission sponsored the first course to be held in the United States in 1962. The courses, sponsored by the Aeronautics Commission, are held in cooperation with the Federal Aviation Administration; the United States Department of Commerce, National Weather Service and the Montana Flight Operators.

The FIRC courses are accomplished by the strong support of the Aeronautics Commission members, the labor of Jack Wilson, Course Manager, Jerry Burrows, Joyce McCutcheon, and assistance of staff members, however, the success of the courses are due to the quality of instruction that is presented by the specialists in the field and the interest and dedication of the Flight Instructors that attend as trainees in order to upgrade themselves and the aviation industry in Montana.

GROUND SCHOOL

The ground school portion was held at the Ponderosa Inn from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon daily with additional afternoon classes being held at Holman Aviation's flight school facilities on the Airport. Several evening classes were held during the week. Ground instruction was provided by personnel of the FAA's Academy, ARTCC, Flight Service Station and RAPCON; and the National Weather Service office in Great Falls.



FAA Academy Team: Left to right—Tom Clemmit (Team Captain), Cliff Sheker and Joe Boyd. Tom Clemmitt has participated on three of the Montana courses while it was a "first" for Joe and Cliff on a Montana course.



G A District Offices, 1 & 9: Left to right—Larry Basham, Tom Walenta, Charles "Chuck" Lane and Dave Voxland. Basham and Lane are personnel of GADO #9 in Helena—Walenta and Voxland from GADO #1 in Billings. In addition to teaching ground school at the Airport in the afternoon, the four gentlemen assisted as advisors for the flight portion of the course.



Left to right—O. Pote Morrow, RAPCON; Sam Tyree, ATC Specialist and Norman Wilson, ARTCC. Mr. Tyree made the introductions for the ATC presentation and Mr. Morrow and Mr. Wilson made the class presentations.



Dick Brodowy and C. R. "Bob" Taylor, GADO #9 personnel, presented the maintenance portion during the afternoon classes held at the airport.



Arthur J. Rozett, Jr.—Art conducted all the sessions for the Department of Commerce—National Weather Service. (Not shown) Roy L. Anderson presented the daily weather briefings at the airport.

FLIGHT

The flight portion of the course was conducted at Holman Aviation Company facilities under the supervision of personnel of the General Aviation District Offices in Helena and Billings. Instruction was provided by five flight line tutors who are designated FAA examiners and graduates of previous courses.



Flight Line Tutors: Left to right—Bob Palmersheim, Billings; Robert Lohof, Great Falls; Bob Simpson, Lewistown; Craig Cook, Hamilton; and Walt Hensley, Havre.



Hensley Team: Left to right—Wayne Turner, John Mamuzich, Pat Doyle and Gary Martin.



Palmersheim Team: Left to right—David Fulkerson, Andy Morris, Michael Kelly and Fred Hipley.



Simpson Team: Left to right—George Garnett, Mary Stevenson, Robbie Holman and Al Rubin.



Lohof Team: Left to right—Willy Rimby, Bill Jones, Gerald Mobley and Jack Sterling.



Cook Team: Left to right—Gary Cormier, Rolan Albright, Bron Herrod and Gerald Graham.

AWARDS BANQUET



MAC Director, William Hunt, presented a few remarks of congratulations to the instructors and the trainees attending the banquet. Seated is Jack Wilson, Course Manager.



Larry Basham, Ground School Instructor and FAA Coordinator for the course, receives his Certificate of Appreciation from MAC Chairman Jack Hughes. (Enjoying Mr. Hughes' humor that accompanied his presentations is Course Secretary Joyce McCutcheon).

AWARDS BANQUET

Fifty-five persons attended the Awards Banquet which was held the evening of April 8 at the Jack Club in Great Falls. MAC Director William Hunt was the speaker; Course Manager Jack Wilson served as Master of Ceremonies, and MAC Chairman Jack Hughes made the presentations of the certificates of award and the wings to the attending trainees and the certificates and awards of appreciation to the instructors.

Attending were the instructors from the FAA Academy, local instructors, trainees, several wives of the instructors and trainees and the following: John Hamilton and Warren Harding of the Great Falls National Weather Service Office; Mr. Gus Johnson (guest of Tutor Hensley and wife Frances); Chet Severson (operator in Great Falls for a number of years, who recently returned to Montana); Mr. and Mrs. Dick Komberec (guests of Chairman Hughes from Missoula); Loren and Lucy Foot (Loren is Chief of RAPCON); Gordon Sands, Havre; and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Mendel (of Holman Aviation Company). At the close of the dinner Joyce McCutcheon, Course Secretary, was presented with a cologne and cosmetic gift from the trainees and instructors (selection assistance by Frances Hensley). The gift was sincerely appreciated and your editor wishes to send the following message to the trainees and instructors from FIIRC '71.

I THANK YOU

Realizing my "Thank You" expressed at the banquet was extremely inadequate, I wish to extend a very sincere Thank You to the trainees and instructors for the gift and the reception that you gave to me. Though coming as a complete, but pleasant, surprise, it was without a doubt the nicest surprise that I can remember.

In addition, I would like all of you to know that it is I that has sincerely appreciated the opportunity to be a part of the courses for the past eight years and become acquainted with the wonderful, dedicated people participating and their families.

Again, Thank You!
Joyce

SYNOPSIS

From information compiled from the critiques received from the trainees, the superior quality of instruction (ground and flight) accomplished a highly successful 1971 course.

Following are a few comments received on the Critiques: "Please continue this program—it is very beneficial." ——"I felt I got a great deal of good from this course. I've changed a basic concept that I have taught for years through the excellent lectures, etc. —." ——"I expect to be a better informed instructor which in turn, will make my students better instrument pilots." ——"The instruction on this course was exceptional." ——The written critiques contain these and many more favorable comments in addition to a number of extremely helpful suggestions regarding the holding of further courses in Montana.

AIRPORT NOTES



By Worthie M. Rauscher
Assistant Director, Airports

Billings—Notification has been received from the Federal Aviation Administration that \$368,281 have been allocated under the terms of the Airport/Airways Development Act of 1970 for a project at Logan Field, Billings, to include strengthening Runway 9/27 with a 4" asphaltic concrete overlay; pave 10' wide runway shoulders; and install security fence. The project to be constructed this coming construction season.

Valier—The Pondera County Airport Commission has submitted a request for aid to the Federal Aviation Administration, under the terms of the Airport/Airways Development Act of 1970, for a project to construct a paved east/west runway 3,800' long by 60' in width, a taxiway and parking aprons. Valier anticipates completion of their proposed project this summer.

Conrad—The Montana Aeronautics Commission met with the Pondera County Airport Commission and the Pondera County Commissioners to discuss the condition of the Conrad runway and to explore the possibility of creating adequate zoning to protect the public investment in the Conrad Airport.

AVCO—Glasgow—A Unicom has been installed and is in operation to serve the AVCO Glasgow Community Airport (formerly Glasgow Air Force Base). Frequency 122.8 MHz. The Unicom is being operated on a 24 hour basis by members of the AVCO security force, all duly licensed by the Federal Communications Commission.

The Unicom facility is coupled with a beacon light plus runway lights on standby to be turned on at the request of incoming pilots.



CALENDAR

May 28-30, Laramie, Wyoming—The Montana/Wyoming Convention of the International Flying Farmers and Ranchers. Headquarters: Connor Hotel.

June 5 & 6, Culbertson—Fly In to be held in conjunction with the Culbertson Annual Frontiers Days Celebration and RCA Rodeo.

June 14-July 2, Billings—Eastern Montana College Aerospace Course for Teachers.

June 14-July 2, Havre—Northern Montana College, Aerospace Course for Teachers.

June 14-July 2, Dillon—Western Montana College, Aerospace Course for Teachers.

June 14-July 2, Kalispell—Flathead Valley Community College, Aerospace Course for Teachers.

June 18-20, Vergennes, Vermont—National Pilots Association Annual Summer Fly In—Basin Harbor Club. Members and non-members are invited. For further information write to NPA, 806 15th Street N.W., Washington, D. C. 20005.

June 22-24, Dallas, Texas—AOPA Management/Marketing Seminar. The three day seminar will present experts in the various fields discussing subjects ranging from techniques of good management to line service and promotion. Information and registration may be obtained through F. A. Topping, AOPA, Washington, D. C. 20014.

June 28-July 16, Glendive—Dawson College, Aerospace Course for Teachers.

July 4, Jordan—Fly In Breakfast, sponsored by the Garfield Sky Writer Hangar, held in conjunction with Fourth of July Celebration. Rodeo fireworks followed by dancing sponsored by the VFW.

July 5-8, Powder Puff Derby—25th Jubilee Derby of the Ladies 99's.

July 5-16, Helena—Carroll College, Aerospace Course for Teachers.

July 11, Plentywood—Fly-In breakfast and Air Show at Sherwood Airport. Breakfast 7:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.—Air Show at 10:00 a.m.

July 11, Canadian Forces Base Moose Jaw, Bushell Park, Saskatchewan, Canada—Air Show and Aviation Exposition which will include the civilian aerobatic displays by Al Pietsch, Bob Hoover, the Fornoffs and Scotty McCrae. (See article).

July 18, Philipsburg—Airport Dedication (Rain date July 25).

July 22, Malmstrom Air Force Base, Great Falls—Open house. USAF Thunder Birds and the Golden Knights parachute team.

July 24 & 25, Sun River, Oregon—Western Flight Roundup sponsored by the Oregon, Montana, Washington and Utah Pilots Associations. For information contact Harold Wolfstone, 417 Northeast 81st, Seattle, Washington 98115.

STATISTICS

Will your first accident be your last day alive?

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|-------|
| 61/37 |
| 65/22 |
| 78/18 |
| 69/18 |
| 56/19 |
| 57/31 |
| 68/19 |
| 13/4 |

| | Accident Total | Fatalities |
|--------------|----------------|------------|
| 1964 Total | 61 | 37 |
| 1965 Total | 65 | 22 |
| 1966 Total | 78 | 18 |
| 1967 Total | 69 | 18 |
| 1968 Total | 56 | 19 |
| 1969 Total | 57 | 31 |
| 1970 Total | 68 | 19 |
| 1971 To-Date | 13 | 4 |



TOWER

OPERATIONS

MARCH 1971

| | Total Operations | Instrument Operations |
|-------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Billings | 7,215 | 2,013 |
| Great Falls | 7,007 | 1,674 |
| Missoula | 6,067 | 646 |
| Helena | 3,991 | 602 |

AVIATION EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS



By DUANE JACKSON
Aviation Education Supervisor

The biggest news item in aviation education at this time of year is the annual Montana Youth in Aviation Award Program. During the past few weeks aviation science students at thirteen Montana high schools have been competing for scholarships for flight training through solo proficiency and private pilot rating.

Participating schools include: Billings Central High School, Billings West High School, Cut Bank High School, Glasgow High School, Great Falls Public High School, Charles M. Russell High School in Great Falls, Flathead High School in Kalispell, Helena Vocational-Technical School, Red Lodge High School, Broadwater Country High School in Townsend, Whitehall High School and Wolf Point High School.

The top aviation student at each school was flown to Helena for final competition the weekend of May 7-9. The state's top aviation student will receive a private pilot scholarship. Each state finalist will receive a ten-hour flight instruction scholarship. On the local level, the top three runnersup will be awarded a cross-country flight.

AEROSPACE COURSES

Another aviation education highlight coming up in the near future is the summer program of aerospace education for teachers. This year six courses are scheduled. These will be conducted at Eastern Montana College, June 14-July 2; Northern Montana College, June 14-July 2; Western Montana College, June 14-July 2; Flathead Valley Community College, June 14-July 2; Dawson College, June 28-July 16; and Carroll College, July 5-16.

All courses for the summer are

Level I, general survey courses, which will cover basic aerodynamics, meteorology and rocketry from the classroom point of view.

Partial scholarships are available for these courses. Applications for scholarships or prior enrollment intentions can be made simply by writing to me and stating the school which you are planning to attend. Information may be received and applications made by calling Duane Jackson at 449-3116.

FAA INSPECTORS CORNER



By GEORGE S. BATCHELDER, JR.
Accident Prevention Specialist
GADO No. 1, Billings

"KEEP YOUR SEAT"

Two words are being used to a greater extent these days in regard to aircraft design. Those two words are, "Crashworthiness" and "Survivability."

The words explain themselves in that an aircraft frame that is crash-worthy will provide the maximum of survivable accidents. All too many fatalities are happening in aircraft that have cabin areas intact but the "second" accident or the "people" accident results in a fatal injury.

Safety design involves three factors; the container or fuselage, a restraint system and the person inside the aircraft. The one factor the flying public can do the most about is the restraining system. Every aircraft owner should consider the installation of shoulder harness if his airplane does not have them.

Last year in a dozen spray-plane accidents there were few or only minor injuries. At least half of the pilots survived with no injury because of hard hats and shoulder harness used with proper seat belts.

Research has shown the skull can withstand 125-150 pounds of pressure per square inch during impact. Seat belts only cause a pivoting action of the body that far exceeds the pressure the head can withstand

upon impact in the instrument panel. The human spine can withstand 25 G's if the force is straight down with proper type of seating, but forces from a crash are seldom applied in straight line vectors. Pilots should ask for aircraft control wheels of a type that could actually fall on without wheel failure but the best measures are still a total restraint system with seat belts and shoulder harness attached to the frame of the aircraft.

Congratulations



FAA CERTIFICATES ISSUED RECENTLY TO MONTANA PILOTS

STUDENT

Sorger, William A.—Dillon
Ries, Ronald W.—Billings
Johnston, Thomas A.—Billings

PRIVATE

Stevenson, Gwen M.—Missoula
Polington, Gary A.—Kremlin
Bedford, Dennis L.—Auke Bay, Alas.
Smith, Ivan H.—Bozeman
Nelson, Everett G.—Dillon
Hoag, David M.—Jeffers
Brug, Allan H.—Ulm
Bouma, John F.—Choteau
Dwyer, Timothy J.—Great Falls
Rogers, Danny T.—Bozeman
Andrews, Steven H.—Bozeman
Bryan, Roy G.—Williston, N. D.
Williams, Roger L.—Lambert
Shipp, Kathleen M.—Saco
Beardsley, Albert D.—Glasgow
Goodan, Leo D.—Moccasin
Nixon, Darrell M.—Miles City
Cook, Robert C.—Billings
Matz, Brian L.—Billings
Hilkemeier, Virgil E.—Broadus
Walter, Mitchell J.—Poplar
Peterson, James E.—Judith Gap

COMMERCIAL

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Darcy, James A.—Great Falls
Argo, Vern L.—Missoula
Howell, Joe B.—Great Falls
Beeler, Gary D.—Billings
Schaeffer, Lawrence D.—Winifred

Felten, John C.—Lewistown
Carpenter, Ronald R.—Billings
ATR

Carr, Lloyd D.—Morgan, Utah
Connors, John F.—Butte
Neff, William A.—Salt Lake City,
Utah

MULTI-ENGINE

Turner, Wayne C.—Dillon
Spranger, Paul L.—Roundup
Gander, Wesley H.—Missoula
Koeller, Ivan J.—Billings
Anderson, Jeffrey J.—Beaver Dam,
Wisconsin

Carpenter, Ronald R.—Billings
INSTRUMENT

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Kildow, John O.—Missoula
Powers, Thomas E. II—Great Falls
Williams, Berton E.—Butte

Skaar, Harold L.—Gillette, Wyoming
Teal, Peter V.—Billings
Anderson, Jeffrey J.—Beaver Dam,
Wisconsin

Johnson, Kurt A.—Arnegard, N. D.
Carpenter, Ronald R.—Billings

FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR

Zuidema, William—Conrad
Crowder, Zura R.—Kalispell
Stewart, William L.—Dillon

FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR INSTRUMENT

Christopherson, Leland P.—Havre
Hoyhtya, James W.—Glendive

GOLD SEAL

Boe, John T.—Wolf Point
BASIC GROUND INSTRUCTOR

Irle, Francis R.—Glasgow
ADVANCED GROUND INSTRUCTOR

Rismon, Ronald L.—Billings
Kuzmic, Charley W.—Libby

INSTRUMENT GROUND INSTRUCTOR
Kuzmic, Charley W.—Libby

ROTORCRAFT/HELICOPTER

Stradley, David I. (Com)—Belgrade
Chapman, Bill S. (Com)—Gardiner
Bergman, Alvan D. (Com)—Billings
Biehl, Floyd L. (Com)—Lewistown

AIRFRAME MECHANIC

Gregory, Lawrence E.—Missoula
Perino, Danny—Great Falls
Casteel, Robert T.—Helena
Brill, Gary B.—Havre
Hamburg, William T.—Savage

POWERPLANT MECHANIC

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McGrath, Laurence T.—Butte
Leonardi, Dan P.—Hamilton
Dunbar, Richard P.—Whitewater

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